

HSBC wins ICCC golf tournament

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The HSBC team comprising Sheikh Tauseef, Harry Mann, Alfie Nathoo and Peter Muto were the winners at a recently held golf tournament organized by the Indo Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) in Vaughan. Over 140 golfers took part in the informal tournament on July 23 at the Country Club in Woodbridge.

The newly elected president Naval Bajaj presented the trophy to the winning team.

"We are proud to present this trophy to the winning team," said Bajaj who was elected president at the Annual General Meeting of the Chamber held in June.

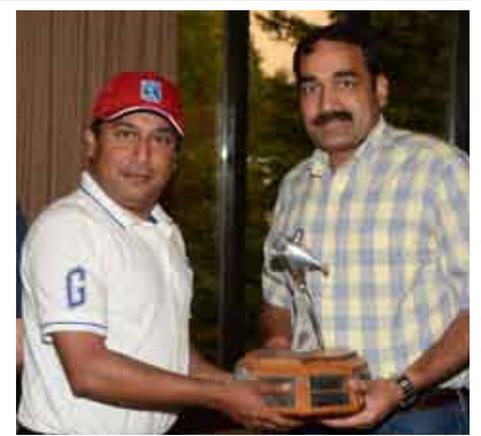
The golfers, an eclectic combination of the chambers long time and new members and guests began arriving mid morning. The tournament began around noon with a shotgun start in a scramble format. The golf tourney, held to support registered charities, also generated resources through raffle tickets and a silent auction of sports memorabilia.



Golf participants



From Left: Past presidents Satish Thakkar, Ajit Someshwar, Pradeep Sood, Ajit Khanna, with incumbent president Naval Bajaj and Anil Shah, former chair ICCC's Golf Committee



Sheikh Tauseef receives trophy from ICCC President Naval Bajaj

"A part of the proceeds of this year's tournament will go to the Healthy Kids International (HKI)," announced Bajaj to the gathered members including several past pres-

idents-Ajit Khanna, Pradeep Sood, Satish Thakkar and Ajit Someshwar.

The new president also focused on member engagement to ensure the continued progress of the Cham-

ber and encouraged those present to participate with as much enthusiasm in the organization's upcoming events. "Continuity with change is an appealing slogan and I have

made it the mission of my tenure as the President of the Chamber. That is possible by doing different things and by doing the same things differently," he said.

Azhar bats for the elderly in Canada

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Cricketing legend and Member of Indian Parliament Mohammad Azharuddin has become an ambassador of PEACE (Prevention of Elder Abuse and Community Education) Services in Canada in its campaign to stamp out elder abuse and work towards creating dignified lifestyles for the elderly. He made the announcement at an event attended by hundreds of people from across the Greater Toronto Area, emphasizing on the importance of elders. Ajju bhai as he is fondly called by the "Hyderabadi-Indian" community was given the Pride of India Award on the occasion.

This was the second fundraising event organized by the efforts of a small group of volunteers. Fund raising by former councillor Khalid Usman was followed by entertainment by the Avengers group rendering memorable tunes by noted singer Rahat Fateh Ali Khan.

The event was addressed by Dr. Yahya Fadlalla, Shahnawaz Mohammed, Fasi



Azharuddin addresses the audience

Masood, Iftekhar Sharif and Moiz Khan, PEACE president.

"The goal of his organization is to bring happiness, safety and hope in the life of elders and their families," said Khan. "The organization aims to build a Senior Citizens Center to provide recreation, education, cultural activities and other programs for senior citizens.

The event also marked June 15th as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day held across the globe to raise awareness of elder abuse and highlight ways to challenge such abuse.

Other social workers awarded at the event included Iftekhar Shareef, prominent

social activist and businessman from Chicago, Mohammed Wajiduddin, president of Oxford Dental College, Toronto, Jamal Khan, retired Staff Sergeant of Toronto Police Service and dedicated community worker, and, Shahnawaz Mohammed, former president of PEACE Services.



A view of the PEACE event

